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I send this as a concern horseman. As I pride myself for always trying to do my best for what I truly love and that's horses. As I have been lucky in finding a way to make a living doing what I love.

I would like to speak about and the well being of the horses that will be effected by this legislation, when passed. What is most important is the safety of the horse. I do believe this is what everyone's end goal is, as it should be!

What I see in my humble opinion is a misplacement of perception over reality. My concern is that we have two groups that are being excluded out of these Congressional Hearings, that should have a spot at the table. It is concerning that these two groups.

The North America Association of Racetrack Veterinarians, who are the Doctor's of these amazing athletes. Why would they not have and opportunity to bring that knowledge and experience to the hearings?

Also the National Horsemen Benevolent and Protective Association, a group who sole mission is to not only protect the equine athlete, but the people who so passionately provide and care for these horses.

If there are two groups that have the most information to provide, it's them. Why where not even ask to participate? Could it be that they are being silenced because of their opinion?

At this time it would seem that these congressmen and women are going to be asked to make legislation that effects horse racing, but they are only being allowed to hear part of the information. That is not only unfair to Representative Janice schakowsky, and Congressional Committee that she Chairs, but it certainly is NOT fair to our equine athletes, to excluded these two group, along with their knowledge of the sport.

Thank you  
Keith Crupper